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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 260

11 February 1958

1. The following were present:

Mr. R. S. Kain	State
*Mr. R. P. MacHatton	State (Chap. V Coordinator)
*Mr. Stanley Wilcox	State
Col. D. H. Smith	Army
Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
Cdr. J. A. Baldrige	Navy
LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
	CIA (Chap. IX Coordinator)
	CIA (Chap. IX Coordination Staff)
	CIA (Chap. VI SovBloc Coordinator)
	CIA (Chap. VII Coordinator)
	CIA (Chap. I Coordinator)
	CIA (Chap. I Editor)
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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* In attendance for review of the NIS Annual.

2. Review of NIS Annual on Poland

The Committee reviewed the draft of the pilot NIS Annual on Poland, together with OBI analysis and comments, which had been submitted to the members on 7 February (refer to Item 3 NCM 259).

The chairman observed that this Annual was more complex and had required more research than would normally be expected because of the many fundamental changes resulting from the Polish revolt. It had also been a difficult exercise because it was the first Annual to be produced, involving new procedures and coordination aspects which should improve with more experience.

The Committee's analysis of the Annual revealed the following points:

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- a. Section 11 should indicate only the significant highlights of the changes which have occurred since the Chapter I was issued, leaving the details to be covered in Sections 12 through 19. In the case of the Annual on Poland, Section 11 dealt only with the sociological and political changes, and omitted significant economic and military changes which will have to be included in the final draft.
- b. In order that the user may readily correlate the Annual and the Chapter I, the section contributions should be related to the specific subsections of Chapter I wherever possible.
- c. More research was required on the preparation of this Annual than had been contemplated, largely because of the many significant changes that had occurred in Poland and because of the lapse of over three years since the Chapter I on Poland was issued. To some degree such problems will continue until Annuals are issued on the older Chapters I.

The Committee agreed on major changes in the text of the Annual on Poland and requested the Chapter I Task Group to work out the detailed corrections with the contributing agencies, and to prepare a revised Section 11 to include economic and military factors. It was further decided that an Annual on Thailand [later changed to India at State's request] will be produced by 1 April 1958 with cut-off date of 15 February, following which the Committee will have a better basis for determining production capabilities and schedule requirements for the Annuals.

3. Revised JCS Priority List

The chairman reported receipt of the revised JCS Priority List dated 9 January 1958 (refer to Item 7 NCM 252). He said that OBI will make copies of the list and distribute them to all members and chapter coordinators. He noted that the principal change from the former priority list was the increased priority for areas of the Near East and Africa in line with the Committee recommendations.

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4. Change in the NIS Production Schedule

The Committee approved rescheduling of Section 82 (Naval Forces) on Venezuela from January 1958 to May 1958 in order to incorporate recent changes in the area situation.

5. Suspense Items

The chairman noted that with the issuance of revised NIS Memo No. 2, unit credit is nullified for an NIS unit placed in "suspense" status where work is stopped for reasons directly attributable to the contributing agency. Credit will be reinstated, however, upon completion of necessary action by the contributor.

6. Current Production Status

The vice chairman briefly reviewed the current production status. All agencies did well and produced 48 sections in January, exceeding the schedule by five sections. For the first seven months of FY 1958, a total of 216 sections has been produced, or 74% of scheduled requirements for that period.

7. Credit for Consolidated Chapters

At the request of the Air Force member, the Committee clarified its policy respecting credit to be accorded consolidated chapters (refer to Item 6 NCM 258), as follows: The production of a consolidated chapter is counted as a single section and is scheduled and credited to the chapter coordinator's agency. Other agencies contributing to the consolidated chapter thereby fulfill their annual NIS commitment for the topic and area concerned as though each had actually produced a separate section.

8. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 4 March 1958.

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